

# Housing Services

**Mission.** The mission of the Housing Services Department is to establish and maintain an affordable housing strategy for the City.

Functions include the HOME Program, the Direct Loan and Deferred Loan Programs, the Infill Housing Program, and the Emergency Shelter and Assistance programs. The Department also administers the Wichita Housing Authority's (WHA) public housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance programs.



WHA operates public housing facilities such as Greenway Manor.

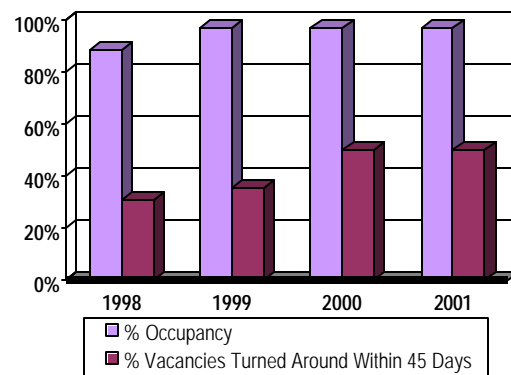
**Overview.** The Housing Services Department receives grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. The funds support a variety of activities, including housing, rent and utility assistance, home ownership, and home rehabilitation. Most services are targeted to low-income neighborhoods for housing, home ownership, and home rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income citizens.

**Finance and Operations.** In January of 2000, the Human Services Department was merged with various other departments; some divisions were eliminated. The Housing Services Department was created to consolidate and provide centralized oversight for all City housing-related programs. The

new department incorporates functions formerly residing within the Human Services Department and the Office of Central Inspection.

The 2000-2002 Wichita Housing Authority budgets reflect substantial changes in the distribution of funding between Section 8 Programs. The Section 8 Existing Program provides certificates to landlords to subsidize a portion of a rent level set by HUD. The Section 8 Voucher Program provides subsidy vouchers to tenants based on a rent set by the landlord and tenant, within an upper rent limit set by HUD. The budgets reflect HUD's mandate to gradually convert all Section 8 Existing Program activities to the Section 8 Voucher Program.

Public Housing Occupancy



Selected Performance Measures

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Occupancy %	88.6%	96.9%	97.0%	97.0%
% of units ready for new lease in 45 days	31.3%	35.6%	50.0%	50.0%

## Housing Services Department Budget Summary

	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
<b>Housing Services Administration:</b>	51,856	145,870	174,570	161,470	161,870
<b>Total Locally Funded Expenditures:</b>	<b>51,856</b>	<b>145,870</b>	<b>174,570</b>	<b>161,470</b>	<b>161,870</b>
<b>Wichita Housing Authority/Section 8:</b>	9,680,203	9,785,326	11,304,383	11,706,521	12,033,464
<b>Total Grant Funded Expenditures:</b>	<b>9,680,203</b>	<b>9,785,326</b>	<b>11,304,383</b>	<b>11,706,521</b>	<b>12,033,464</b>
<b>Position Summary</b>					
Locally-funded FTE	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Grant-funded FTE	46.875	46.875	48.875	48.875	48.875
Total FTE	48.025	48.025	50.025	50.025	50.025